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1. AS INDICATED IN REF B, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT
ITSELF WOULD NOT APPEAR TO HAVE INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS

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VIS-A-VIS THE DEPLOYMENT OF ENHANCED RADIATION
(ER) WEAPONS IN EUROPE. THE DANES WOULD CERTAINLY
WISH TO BE CONSULTED, HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ER DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE.

2. CRUELY SPEAKING, THE GOVERNMENT COULD IMPLICITLY
RATIONALIZE ITS POSITION BY JUDGING THAT ER WEAPONS
WOULD NOT BE USED IN DENMARK, BUT THAT THEIR USE IN

GERMANY OR ELSEWHERE WOULD PROBABLY ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF DENMARK. RECENT STATEMENTS, WHICH INCLUDED ANDERSEN'S OBSERVATION THAT IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DENMARK TO COMMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT BY THE UNITED STATES OF ER WEAPONS, HAVE PRODUCED LITTLE DISCERNIBLE DOMESTIC DANISH REACTION OTHER THAN FROM THE EXPECTED QUARTERS ON THE FAR LEFT. THERE REMAINS, HOWEVER, A STRONG CURRENT OF ANTI/NUCLEAR "ANYTHING" -- INCLUDING NUCLEAR POWER -- AMONG THE DANISH PEOPLE. FINALLY, AND IMPORTANTLY, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD TEND TO FALL IN LINE WITH WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION ELSEWHERE IN WESTERN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN THE FRG, TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF ER WEAPONS.

3. IN SUMMARY, WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME POPULAR DANISH REACTION AGAINST THE DEPLOYMENT OF ER WEAPONS IN EUROPE, BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS REACTION SUCCESSFULLY AND, BARRING A BANDWAGON EFFECT, WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH DEPLOYMENT.

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